Introduction of Computer Education in Schools

284. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce computer education in the Higher Secondary Schools in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such educations is likely to be introduced;

(c) by what time it is likely to start functioning; and

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) A Pilot Project for Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools was started in 1984-85.

The following were the objectives of the programme:

— To provide students with a broad understanding of computers and their use;

— To provide "hands-on" experience;

— To familiarise the students with the range of computer applications in all walks of human activity and the computer's potential as a controlling and information processing tool;

— To demystify computers and to develop a degree of ease and familiarity with computers which would be conducive to developing individual creativity in identifying applications relevant to their immediate environment.

248 schools were covered in 1984-85. 1581 more schools have been added after that till 1987-88. The programme covers all the States and Union Territories in the country.

Besides, in some of the CBSE affiliated schools Computer Science as an elective subject was introduced experimentally at + 2 stage during 1983. The number of students offering Computer Science as elective subject was only 4 in one school in 1985. However, in 1987, 999 candidates from 40 schools, offered Computer Science as an elective subject.

Based on the experience gained in the Pilot Project an expanded CLASS programme is under consideration of the Government. The financial implications will be dependent on the size of the programme which may be approved.

Functioning of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

285. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances study team which had investigated into the functioning of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital found that vital equipments like emergency X-ray machine and light arrangements for surgery were out of order and the hospital functioning was in chaos; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to streamline the administration so as to give better medical care to the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) (i) The X-ray machine of Emergency Department was out of order for sometime and the supplier (Siemens) could not replace the defective part expeditiously. However, X-rays were still being done without difficulty through another machine located at distance of 50 meters in the adjacent OPD building. There is a regular fallback arrangement in case of break-down of any major X-ray machine in the Emergency Department. The machine has been repaired. Order has been placed with DGS &D for a new X-ray machine for replacing the old.

(ii) The light arrangement for surgery in the Emergency Deptt. have remained in order throughout. Action has been taken for replacement of fused bulbs expeditiously.

(b) The Medical care of patients has not suffered in any manner and steps are being taken to improve the administration.

Seniority Lists of Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Appointed in North-East Region

286. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1574 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th March, 1988 and state:

(a) by when seniority lists of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan appointed during 1984 specifically for North-East Region will be finalised and published;

(b) whether these teachers are being extended benefits which are admissible to their collegues appointed generally in 1984 in North-East Region and elsewhere; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when a decision regarding admissibility of Special Duty Allowance to teachers recruited specifically in 1984 for North-East Region is expected to be arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Efforts are being made by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to finalise the seniority lists and it hopes to complete these in 1988.

(b) and (c) The matter is under consideration.

Fake Driving Licence Racket in Capital

287. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated the 16th March, 1988 wherein it has been stated that a fake driving licence racket has been unearthed in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Crime Branch of Delhi Police arrested in March, 1988 three persons for preparing fake driving licences. Eight forged licences and twelve fake stamps of different Licencing Authorities were seized